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SUBJ: VISIT TO U.S. OF DR. HEINER WINKLER

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ON NOVEMBER 17 DR. WINKLER TERMINATED HIS THREE-WEEK U.S.
VISIT, WHICH RAN ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL.

IN HIS OWN WORDS, VISIT "EXCEEDED ALL OF MY EXPECTATIONS."
DURING COURSE HIS TRAVEL, WINKLER AND GDR PRESS ATTACHE IN
WASHINGTON MADE SEVERAL CALLS TO FOREIGN PRESS CENTER TO EXPRESS
THEIR APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE TRAVEL ASSISTANCE AND MEETINGS
WHICH WERE ARRANGED WITH MEMBERS OF ACADEMIC COMMUNITY,
JOURNALISTS, LABOR LEADERS, CITY OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS,
THE JOHN DEERE CO., AND MEMBERS OF BLACK COMMUNITY.

FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP. DETAILS FOLLOW VIA MEMO.

OCTOBER 27 - 29 / WASHINGTON, D.C. / MET WITH MEMBERS DEPART-
MENT OF ECONOMICS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT GEORGETOWN AND GEORGE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITIES; LUNCH HOSTED BY JOHN DEERE CO.;
DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF USIA, STATE, AND COUNCIL ON
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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 2 / VISITED JOHN DEERE CO., MOLINE, ILLINOIS, WITH TOUR OF FACILITIES AND MEETING WITH KEY MEMBERS OF STAFF; HOSTED BY AND REMAINED OVERNIGHT WITH FARM FAMILY; DISCUSSIONS WITH MAYOR OF MOLINE, BICENTENNIAL CHAIRMAN, AND LOCAL JOURNALISTS.

NOVEMBER 2 - 5 / DENVER AND BOULDER, COLORADO / VISITED SOLARON CORPORATION (SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS), NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, AND INTERNATIONAL SOLAR THERMICS INC.; DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF OIL, CHEMICAL, AND ATOMIC WORKERS UNION AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN FARMERS UNION.

NOVEMBER 5 - 8 / SAN FRANCISCO AREA / MET WITH CITY OFFICIALS; VISITED UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND MET WITH MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS; TRAVELLED TO BAKERSFIELD AND INTERVIEWED CESAR CHAVEZ.

NOVEMBER 9 - 11 / DETROIT / VISITED FORD MOTOR CO.; INTERVIEWED UAW PRESIDENT WOODCOCK; DISCUSSIONS WITH PROFESSOR SIMMONS (BLACK), DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, AND MEMBERS OF BLACK COMMUNITY.

NOVEMBER 11 - 14 / NEW YORK CITY / VISITED U.N. AND NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CITIZENS BUDGET COMMISSION, WITH WHOM HE DISCUSSED NEW YORK CITY BUDGET CRISIS.

NOVEMBER 14 - 17 / WASHINGTON, D.C. / VISITED FOREIGN PRESS CENTER AND DISCUSSED PROBLEMS OF BLACK AMERICA WITH MR. WILLIAM GORDON OF FPC STAFF; INTERVIEWED SENATOR SPARKMAN, CHAIRMAN, FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

DURING FINAL VISIT TO FPC, BOTH WINKLER AND PRESS ATTACHE AGAIN EXPRESSED THEIR ELATED APPRECIATION FOR ARRANGEMENTS. WINKLER STATED HE HAD COLLECTED SUFFICIENT MATERIAL FOR NUMEROUS ARTICLES AND IMPLIED THEY WOULD REFLECT A POSITIVE IMPRESSION OF AMERICA. IT MUST BE NOTED, HOWEVER, WINKLER APPEARED TO BE OVERLY PREOCCUPIED WITH, FIRST, THE PROBLEMS OF MINORITIES AND THE CAPABILITY OF CAPITALISM TO SATISFY
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THE ASPIRATIONS OF THESE MINORITIES, AND, SECONDLY, WITH CRIME IN AMERICA. IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATTER, FOLLOWING MAY BE OF INTEREST TO EMBASSY. WINKLER'S MEETING WITH MAYOR OF MOLINE WAS HELD ON A SUNDAY AT NEW AND VERY MODERN POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS SELECTED BECAUSE IT WAS THE ONLY PUBLIC BUILDING OPEN ON A SUNDAY, IT HAD EXCELLENT FACILITIES, AND, ABOVE ALL, BECAUSE THE MEETING HAD BEEN SET UP AT THE LAST MINUTE, JUST BEFORE WINKLER'S DEPARTURE.

EN ROUTE TO AIRPORT, WINKLER INFORMED JOHN DEERE ESCORT OFFICER THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH SURPRISED THAT HE HAD TO MEET THE MAYOR IN A POLICE STATION AND THAT THIS MUST HAVE BEEN DONE BECAUSE THE MAYOR HAD BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT HIS SAFETY FROM "CRIMINAL ELEMENTS". WE ONLY CITE THIS AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WINKLER MAY HAVE MISINTERPRETED SOME FACTS DURING COURSE OF HIS TRIP. ALSO, DURING A CONVERSATION WITH DESK OFFICER LEON SLAWECKI, WINKLER STATED DURING COURSE OF HIS TRIP HE HAD CHANCE TO OBSERVE TWO ROBBERIES. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHETHER WINKLER'S FAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO POSITIVE REPORTING IN HORIZONT. INGERSOLL

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